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Subject: Microsoft Settlement - Hang em High!

I have followed this public issue rather closely for a number of years, being an "IT Professional" for a Fortune 500 company.

In my opinion, the settlement lets them off entirely too easily given the clearly established willful transgressions of law at the time.

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>A FINFlash Alert: The DOJ wants to hear from YOU!

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>For nearly four years, your voice has been instrumental in the debate
>over the freedom to innovate. Tens of thousands of concerned citizens
>have communicated to their public officials about whether the Microsoft
>case should be settled or further litigated. Despite the aggressive
>lobbying efforts of a few of Microsoft's competitors, the federal
>government and nine states finally reached a comprehensive agreement
>with Microsoft to address the reduced liability found in the Court of
>Appeals ruling. This settlement is tough, but reasonable and fair to
>all parties involved. Consumers overwhelmingly agree that settlement
>is good for them, the industry and the American economy.

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>However, this settlement is not guaranteed, and your voice is more
>important than ever.

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>The law (officially called the Tunney Act) requires a public comment
>period between now and January 28th after which the District Court will
>determine whether the settlement is in the ?public interest.?

>Unfortunately, a few special interests are attempting to use this review
>period to derail the settlement and prolong this litigation even in the
>midst of uncertain economic times. The last thing the American economy
>needs is more litigation that benefits only a few wealthy competitors
>and stifles innovation.

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>Don't let these special interests defeat the public interest.

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>Between now and January 28th, it is critical that the Department of
>Justice hears from you about the Microsoft settlement. The Department
>of Justice will then take all public comments and viewpoints and include

>them in the public record for the District Court to consider. Please
>send your comments directly to the Department of Justice via email or
>fax no later than January 28th. Whatever your view of the settlement,
>it is critical that the government hears directly from consumers.
>Please take action today to ensure your voice is heard.
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>Email: microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov . In the Subject line of the e-mail,
>type Microsoft Settlement.
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>Fax: 1-202-307-1454 or 1-202-616-9937
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>To find out more about the settlement and the Tunney Act comment period,
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